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JACKSON COUNTY Fox Town

Fox Town, Jan. 4. — We are having a lot of winter weather; plenty of snow. — Spanish influenza 'round here yet. The following families have it or are recovering: John H. Webb's family have nearly all had it; N. J. Coyle's family have it; also R. A. Fox, G. W. McKinney, Nancy J. Arnold, Henry, Gilbert, and Jack Morris. One death lately. — Henry Gilbert's baby died on the 2nd of influenza. — Richard McFarland has returned from Elihu Lakes and moved back here from Chestnut Flat. He moved in the house vacated by Delbert King who moved to Chestnut Flat, on Midford Isaacs' land. — There was a moonshine still raided near this place a few days ago. Judge Johnson, Tyra Linnhart, and Morgan Neely went and tore up the still and arrested Eli Collins and Jess Conrad. There was another Conrad boy at the still, but he ran like a turkey and got away. — A. C. Rose and three boys are having examining trials at McKee today. They are charged with shooting at and wounding Sherman Rose last Sunday. — Elihu Lakes bought D. H. Baker's farm near Indian House and William Lakes is coming there.

GARRARD COUNTY Lancaster

Lancaster, Jan. 7. — Jay Sterling Herron returned from France and has many interesting stories to relate. — Story Herron came home Sunday from Virginia. He was a member of the Marine Corps. Both of these boys are sons of Policeman Herron, and he has two more boys in the army, all of whom enlisted. — Robert Layton of Camp Meade, Md. is home on a short furlough. — Mrs. Chester Lewis of Berea is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for a week or so. — Lieutenant Actor is here from a southern camp.

Paint Lick

Paint Lick, Jan. 7. — Miss Stella McWhorter underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Gibson Infirmary in Richmond last week. — Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Roope spent the holidays in Frankfort. — Mr. and Mrs. Howard of Layman, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Wynn, returned home Thursday. — Mr. and Mrs. Felix Pennington spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Roope, at Cartersville. — Misses Lucile Lackey and Brunette Arnold were guests Christmas day of Miss Sallie Lute in Lancaster. — E. C. McWhorter has bought a home in Lexington where he and his family will go soon. — Mrs. Chris Sowers entertained a number of her friends Thursday at dinner. — Mrs. Harrison Mays and two children were guests of Mrs. J. T. Thompson Thursday. — Mrs. A. B. Wynn visited Mr. and Mrs. John Smith in Berea one day last week. — Louis Anderson and family of Berea spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Annie Anderson. — J. A. Clark of near Cartersville received a telegram stating his son, Gilbert Clark, of Caracas, Ill., was seriously ill with pneumonia. — Mr. and Mrs. Hume Rucker of Louisville spent the week end with his mother and sister here. — The Rev. Mr. Godby preached at Walnut Sunday. — Miss Fannie Dowden has returned to Bryantsville where she will resume her duties as teacher in the school there.

Bryantsville

Bryantsville, Jan. 7. — The Rev. George S. Conant was a visitor in Wilmore, Monday. — Edwin Wylie who has been working in Hamilton, O., for the past few months is at home with his mother, Mrs. Rhoda Wylie. — Miss Mary Lou Measle, bookkeeper in the Bryantsville bank, is spending the holidays in Tennessee with her sister. — Charley Thompson of Lancaster is working in the bank for a couple of weeks, before accepting a position in the Garrard Bank & Trust Company in Lancaster. — Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are boarding with Mr. and Mrs.

Noah Marsee while here. — J. Hogan Ballard gave a stag party December 26. About a dozen of his friends were present and report a most enjoyable evening spent, with a bountiful repast. — Bryant Ballard spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Ballard.

OWSLEY COUNTY Earnestville

Earnestville, Dec. 30. — Mrs. Lloyd Flanery and James Price were married Friday night. Mr. G. B. Bowman officiated. We wish them much joy and peace in their future lives. — Mrs. C. A. Gabbard of Athens, O., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gabbard, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Thomas, of Levi. — Charley Jackson and son, Fred, of Ionia, Laurel County, have been visiting relatives since Monday week. — James Moss of Dayton, O., is the guest of Mrs. Harriett Simmons this week. — Christmas was spent very quietly; every one seemed to enjoy the day. — Mrs. C. T. Gabbard had a Christmas tree in honor of her mother who is 84 years old. Several were present and all received a nice present. — Wm. Gabbard and Floyd Hunley have gone to Granny Richardson's Springs to work in the oil field. — V. T. Thomas spent Saturday night with C. T. Gabbard. — Clay Smith of Hamilton, O., was called to see his father who is not expected to live. — Several boys and girls from here are leaving for Berea to enter school. — J. C. Dynn's daughter and Mr. Lynch of Millers Creek were married December 25. May joy and peace be theirs.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY Boone

Boone, Jan. 6. — Christmas passed off quietly at this place. — Misses Nancy and Julia Grant have returned from an extended visit to Middletown, O. — George Parker of Lowell has moved to the Witt place. — Miss Nancy Rich is working second truck operator at Flannagan this week. — Mr. and Mrs. James Grant were visiting at Rockford last week. — We are glad to say Mrs. Will Rich who has been confined to her bed for some time with relapse of flu is out again. — Tom Johnson is on the sick list. — Matt Howard, Steve Wren, and Garfield Gabbard went to Paris Saturday to join the Brotherhood, as the railroad company requires all employees to be members of it. — Troy Rich has returned from the U. S. army. — Cash Johnson was visiting his brother, Tom, one day last week.

Climax

Climax, Jan. 5. — We have been having some extremely bad weather for the past week. — Arthur Clark and family are all very ill with influenza at this writing. — Lula Sexton is visiting her aunt, Louisa Ballinger, at Johnetta. — Mr. and Mrs. Willie McGuire of Hamilton, O., are the guests of Nancy Baker. — Columbus Cook and Elijah Hymes left for Lockland, O., January 4, on the lookout for work. — Mrs. Louisa Ballinger of Johnetta spent a few nights last week with her brother, J. A. Sexton. — Nora Clark has moved in with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Clark. — Laura Sexton spent Saturday afternoon with her friend, Ida Baker. — W. M. White of this place is very ill with influenza. — Edie Moore has returned home from Berea College. — W. B. F. Peters has sold his farm and is moving to the James Garret farm in Jackson county. — Mrs. S. Spiers of Disputanta has moved to the James Henry farm at Climax. — Mrs. Jesse Forsythe received news that her son Charles, will soon return home from Georgia. — Dr. J. F. Kirby has been doing some dental work for Anna Gadd. — Robert Sexton and Jimmie Baker of this place were shopping at Three Links, Saturday.

ESTILL COUNTY Iron Mound

Iron Mound, Jan. 5. — Miss Jessie Conly, after spending a week with

her sister, Mrs. J. S. Vaughn, has gone to Berea College for the winter term. — Miss Ethel Fielder who was called home on account of sickness has returned to Berea. — Verna Etta Sparks spent the past ten days with her sister, Mrs. Ross Jordan, in Clark county. — The Rev. R. H. Taylor preached his last sermon at Corinth the fourth Sunday in December, and the church is without a pastor this year. This should not be the case. Brothers and sisters let us wake up to a sense of our duty. — We had 48 hours downpour of rain and a big rise in the Kentucky river; and some farmers lost quite a lot of their fodder last week. — Christmas passed off very quietly here. — The young folks of this place enjoyed the social given by Misses Nora Mae and Eva Harris at their home Saturday night. — J. S. Vaughn and wife are on the sick list. — Samuel Sparks has been discharged from the army and is home again. — A Christmas tree entertainment was given at the Bonna school house Christmas eve. All report a nice time.

Locust Branch

Locust Branch, Jan. 3. — The first snow fell on Christmas day. — There have been several weddings in this neighborhood this winter. — Several of the soldier boys have been visiting at home for a few days. — J. M. Kindred, who has been poorly for some time, is no better. — There has been a big tide on Red Lick for a few days and it washed away lots of fodder that was near the creek. — There are no new cases of flu in this vicinity. — Miss Maggie Johnson visited Hattie Johnson, her cousin, from Thursday until Sunday. — Eggs are worth 50c per dozen; butter 45c per pound; flour \$1.70 per sack.

CARTER COUNTY Hitchins

Hitchins, Jan. 6. — The Rev. Martin Thomas and a host of co-workers, representing five or six denominations, organized a Union Sunday School, yesterday, which will meet at the Industrial Y. M. C. A. every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Every citizen and visitor of Hitchins, who is interested in Bible study, is cordially invited to attend and participate in class discussions. — The Rev. R. N. May of Ashland will preach at the Industrial Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Folks of all denominations are invited to hear him. — Denny Bowling and John Powell and Misses Blanche Horton and Belva Bowling, who left here last week to enter Berea College, write that they like school well and are quickly adjusting themselves to their new environment. — Several young people from here this morning re-entered the Grayson Normal School, under the principalship of Prof. J. W. Luby. — L. C. Bowling, who has been ill, is out again. — There are eleven "Pioneer Boys" and twenty-seven Boy Scouts here. Saturday afternoon the "Pioneers" and Saturday night the Boy Scouts met at the home of E. K. Cook for an hour's fun, and they got the fun plus some very acceptable refreshments that added much to the pleasure of the evening. It's worth while to get together, stay together, sing together, work together—co-operate.

CLAY COUNTY Malcom

Malcom, Jan. 3. — We are having the coldest weather of the season. — The flu has about ceased to rage in this vicinity. — We had a quiet and happy Christmas and a rainy New Year. — Henry Pennington spent Friday night with his brother, J. L. Pennington, before starting to his new home in Madison county. — Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clarke of Berea are spending the winter with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarke, of this place. — Uncle Billie McDaniel and wife who have been so poorly are improving. — Uncle Billie York, aged 89 years, is very feeble this winter. — Miss Mattie Lee and her uncle, T. A. Clarke, spent the afternoon last Sunday with Mrs. Rebecca Browning.

Vine

Vine, Jan. 4. — The New Year has brought us the largest snow of the season. — Henry Pennington has moved to Garrard county where he expects to stay this year. — A. J. Maupin is planning on going to London for medical aid as he is in very poor health. — M. H. Hornsby of Greenhall has moved to his farm at this place. We are glad to have Mr. Hornsby with us as he is bringing with him a nice stock of goods. — Roy Clark of Bond spent a few days with friends at this place last week. — Bessie Pennington, who has been visiting relatives at Lancaster, has returned home. — Preaching at this place will be at the Falling Timber school house until the church house is completed.

CLARK COUNTY Flanagan

Flanagan, Jan. 6. — We are having some real cold nights and days now, but this is fine weather for people killing hogs. — Mrs. Susie Brewer, who has been sick for the past three weeks, is some better. — Miss Laura Taylor and Miss Mary Rich of Snyder were visiting Miss Susie Beldon at this place Saturday and Sunday. — Miss Nancy Thomas from Red House is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Nannie McKinzie, this week. — Mrs. Nannie Brannaman, who has been visiting her son, Charlie Adams, has returned to her home in Berea. — Petronella Beldon from Conway is visiting relatives at this place. — Tom Swetnam made a business trip to Cincinnati last week. — Hurrah for The Citizen and its many good readers for the New Year, 1919.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY Rockford

Rockford, Jan. 6. — We are having some very cold weather here at this time. — There are but few cases of flu around here now. — Willard Todd, who has been sick with flu and fever for the past 35 days, is still in the Robinson Hospital, but is slowly recovering. — Daddy Todd has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is some better at this time. — Mrs. William Anderkin, who has been sick, is able to be out again. — Spencer Abney has purchased a farm near Scaffold Cane church and has moved to it. — G. L. Martin moved to the house vacated by Mr. Abney. — Wilburn Gatliff of Climax has moved to what is known as the J. J. Martin farm. We are glad to have Mr. Gatliff and Mr. Abney for neighbors, but we regret to give up G. L. Martin as he was liked by all the neighbors around. — Mrs. Helen Guinn is very sick at this writing. The attending physician is Doctor Lowell of Mt. Vernon. — Mary Bell Bowman scalded one of her hands yesterday, but is doing well. — Troy Rich has returned home from France and is with his folks for awhile. — Mrs. G. C. Thomas of Lee Gibson is visiting with home folks here. — W. C. Viars is putting up a grist mill which is badly needed. — T. C. Holt has been on the sick list for the past few days but is improving. — Tobacco stripping is all the go; prices are good. — Everybody is proud the dark shadow of war is past and the bright sunshine of peace has come in; and mothers who have been made to weep and mourn over the departure of their sons have been made to rejoice at the return of the same. — Kaiser said God could rule Heaven but he would rule the earth; but we are told he quit his job and ran away. — Good luck to The Citizen.

MADISON COUNTY Blue Lick

Blue Lick, Jan. 6. — Far away in sunny France a soldier ladle from Kentucky sat one night by his lonely campfire, after a strenuous day of scout duty in aeroplane service. No letter from home had gladdened his heart for many days. Just before "taps" two copies of The Citizen were handed to him. All care vanished. Once more he was a happy student back in the dear old college. In joyous imagination he roamed the campus, paraded the streets, and visited the old familiar haunts of boyhood days. Perusing the letters of the Eastern Kentucky Correspondence, especially the one from Blue Lick, he knew that "all is well" as the familiar faces and beloved scenes flitted through memory's halls. Forgotten was the wide expanse of sea and land that intervened between him and the homeland. Forgotten were the privations and sacrifices of service. With a glad shout that voiced his appreciation and electrified his "buddies" he cried out: "Three Cheers for The Citizen." A recent letter from that soldier to his mother announces the fact he will be home to eat his birthday cake, February 6. — C. C. Flanery, after spending three weeks with homefolks, returned to Winchester, Tenn., to resume his duties as county agent of Franklin county. — The great epidemic of influenza that brought such a wave of tribulation over the land has invaded our section at last, but the only way to meet affliction is to pass through it as the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, with humility and faith. Then the waves of misery will divide and afford a wall on either side and we will land safely, and though we pass through the furnace of a fiery trial God will be with us. — Roy Mainous is confined to his room with a malady similar to the flu. — Frank Camel is very sick at his home on Blue Lick. — T. J. Flanery is convalescing from a case of grip. — Mr. Kimbrell's family are sick. — The weather is very inclement, with snow and ice.

— W. E. Johnson is visiting relatives in Ohio.

Clay Lick

Clay Lick, Jan. 5. — Those who have tobacco around here are putting it on the market at Richmond now. — Aunt Charity White spent Christmas in Cincinnati. — Robert Allen and family are moving on Walnut Meadow creek on the place known as the Miracle farm. — Arthur Hester, after an absence of ten years in Nebraska, was the guest of his brother, Eugene Hester, through Christmas. — We wish The Citizen and its many readers a happy and prosperous year for 1919. — We are beginning the New Year with snow, which makes it seem like winter the sure enough. — Eugene Hester has been sick with flu for two weeks, but is some better. — Tom Short and Ted Taylor have entered school at Berea for the winter term. — Ivo Carter lost a nice yearling colt a few days ago. — Mrs. Merritt, colored, mother of Tom Merritt, died December 26, aged 83 years. — Some dogs got in Tom Green's sheep a few days ago and killed several and crippled 8 or 10 more.

Coyle

Coyle, Jan. 6. — The weather still continues bad. — Miss Elizabeth Cornelson, who is teaching school

at this place, has the flu at her boarding place, Luther Todd's. — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pettijohn are sick with the flu. — Mr. and Mrs. Bart Burns are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop of this place. — Alva Hale has sold his farm. — Miss Rada Hale visited Mrs. James Gentry last Monday. — Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. John Glossip yesterday. — Mrs. Houston Sewell visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Todd, yesterday. — W. A. Winkler has moved to Speedwell. — H. G. Cox attended his grandfather's funeral at Little Rock Friday. — Robert Lake made a business trip to Richmond Saturday. — Best wishes to The Citizen and its readers.

Several Guesses Allowed.

"Copper to remain Fixed." — Puzzle headline for gentle readers to solve. Guess whether it refers to the copper's post, or something else again. — Buffalo Express.

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POTASH HUNGER OF POTATOES

Throughout all of the principal potato-growing sections of the East there is growing evidence of the effect of lack of potash on potatoes. First this hunger for potash was made apparent by decreased yields. Virginia, Maine, New Jersey and New York have found that they cannot grow potatoes as well as they could five or six years ago. — Potatoes don't set as well, tubers don't fill out, and disease is more common. — Potato specialists, who have been studying the matter, say that most of the trouble is due to the lack of potash in the potato fertilizer. They also say that the new diseases of potatoes which have been so common for the past two years are nothing more than "Potash Hunger."

The Phoma stem blight, which was so common in 1918 along the Eastern seaboard, has been definitely traced down to malnutrition due to lack of potash. The disease is made apparent by a bronzing of the foliage followed by a premature collapse of the entire plant.

Specialists in Washington say that using potash fertilizer will remove the cause of the trouble, and advise farmers to buy fertilizer containing 2 to 3 per cent of potash for use next year.

MAKING AN ACRE PRODUCE MORE PORK

In these days when every acre must be made to produce its utmost, the results with fertilizers at the Ohio agricultural experiment station are most interesting.

Translating corn yields into terms of work, it was found that where no fertilizer of any kind was used, an acre of corn would produce about 282 pounds of pork; where manure was used on the corn land, 457 pounds of pork were produced; and where fertilizer was applied in addition to manure, an acre of corn produced 552 pounds of work.

On most farms manure is lacking and more dependence must be placed upon the commercial forms of fertilizer. All who expect to use fertilizer next spring should place their orders not later than November. Wartime conditions make it necessary to order far in advance.

MORE AND BETTER CORN

The average acre yield of corn in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, three of the leading corn-belt states, has been about 35 bushels per acre—and this on land which has been farmed for scarcely more than two generations, and which is naturally of the best. On the other hand, in New England, on land cultivated for well on to two centuries, on soil not of the best, and in a climate rather bleak and harsh, the average has been 42 bushels per acre. It is the consistent and intelligent use of fertilizers which has made the difference possible. In all corn sections yields of from 70 to 100, or even more, bushels per acre are easily possible. Fertilizers not only make possible the production of more corn per acre, but by so doing free land for other uses—for more wheat, or more of any other crop.

Nearly all of the experiment stations have experimented with fertilizer on corn. In Ohio 320 pounds per acre of a complete fertilizer increased the yield 17 bushels per acre—this where no manure was used. At the same station eight tons of manure, containing considerably more ammonia and potash, but no more phosphoric acid than the above fertilizer, produced an increase of 20 bushels of corn per acre. When this manure was supplemented with 520 pounds per acre of acid phosphate, however, the increase in the corn crop has been an additional 12 bushels. This means a total increase of 32 bushels per acre, produced by manure and fertilizer.

The West Virginia experiment station secured an increase of 47 bushels per acre from the use of complete fertilizer alone. At the Pennsylvania experiment station, 650 pounds per acre of a complete fertilizer increased the corn crop by 18 bushels.

Lack of available plant food is the greatest single factor causing low acre yields of corn. It is the function of fertilizer to supply this available food. Fertilizer, in connection with good farming practices, will double the acre yield of corn, and thus set free land more than sufficient to grow wheat enough for ourselves and for our allies in Europe. To grow more corn or more wheat we need send to the block not a single head of breeding stock. Owing to the labor and car shortage fertilizers for next spring should be ordered shipped now.

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